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THE GREAT MYSTERY

INT:STATEMENT: "All the world loves a lover!" Loves a love story! Also stories of adventure, travel, conquest, and mystery: Movies, books, plays..TV.

MYSTERY: Something secret, hidden or not known to all. N.T.: knowledge withheld. & Truth revealed

Greatest mystery of all is found unveiled in N.T.

I. JESUS SPOKE OFTEN OF THE MYSTERY.

A. \*Matt. 3:10-17. "That which is known to the initiated. Apostles given special training!! (Same taught in Mk. 4:11 and Lk. 8:10.)

B. \*Romans 11:22-25. *Paul also!*  
The church is God's Olive Tree of Salvation. Jews were the natural branches. Let in first. Gentiles, wild branches, grafted in also.

C. \*Romans 16:25-27.  
Secret since the beginning. Revealed through scriptures of the prophets. All nations. Gen. 12

D. \*I Cor. 2:1-10.  
Since even BEFORE the world began. Revealed unto us by His SPIRIT. Mystery: V. 9.

E. \*Eph. 1:3-10.  
Mystery: a holy, righteous and peculiar people to be chosen. One family of all men!

F. \* Eph. 3:1-6.  
Mystery: Gentiles should become fellow-heirs. Jews nor Gentiles ready for this. Paul sent to get them ready!

G. \* I Tim. 3:9, 14-16.  
Mystery: Christ, who is God Himself, revealed under the conditions of human life. Submitted to life! Submitted to death! Experienced the resurrection. Enjoyed the ascension. and NOW: Co-ordinates the universe. Matt. 28:18-20. Teach, baptize, teach!

CONCLUSION: This Mystery can be reduced down to one simple-profound word: LOVE. John 3:16. Matt. 22:37. Matt. 22:39. John 13:35.

Ill. This love illustrated: The Death of CRAIG ELLERBUSCH. Cincinnati, Ohio.

(From: Guideposts, Sept. 1976. Pp. 27-30.)

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Friday, Dec. 19th. Morning. Max in his shop.

Phone rang. Craig hit by a car. School crossing.  
Craig died in hospital that afternoon.

That night Grace & Max's house was empty. <sup>to them</sup>  
Their kindergarten-child was gone.

Max: "If such a child can die.....if such a  
life can be snuffed out in a minute,  
then life is meaningless and faith in  
God is self-delusion."

"By morning my hopelessness and helplessness  
had found a target, a blinding hatred for the  
person who had done this!"

That person was GEORGE WILLIAMS, age 15.

From broken home. Mother worked nights.

George had taken the car against her wishes

Cut school. Racing wildly.

FIRST: "Charge him! Prosecute him to the limit.  
Try him as an adult! Throw the book....."

One night Max was sleepless. "What would  
Jesus do??" A new world opened before him....

Almost Christmas. Geo. Williams down in  
Juv. Detention home. Alone. No Christmas.  
No presents. Only fear, gloom, a trial,  
and a life in prison.

The Ellerbuschs WENT TO George. Found an  
intelligent, confused and desperately  
lonely boy!

Got his release. He spent much time in his  
2nd home! Helped with their other children  
Diane, Michael and Ruth Carol. Helped in  
the shop after school. Made deliveries on  
Saturday.

TODAY: George Williams is a career Army mar .  
Married, 2 daughters.

THIS! is the power in the mystery of God.  
The mystery was God's love revealed in  
Christ! His love revealed in man!

INV. Christ's invitation broad enough to cover all  
sinners. YOU! Matt. 11:28-30. Mk. 16:15-16.  
Rededicate life, if needed: I John 1:9.

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